In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraph on page 15, beginning on line 12:

Reverse transcriptase (RT) assay. The presence of RNA-dependent DNA polymerase (RT) was assayed in cell culture ~~supernantants~~ supernatants essentially as described by Rey *et al.* The RT assay for detecting FIV used poly(rA)-oligo(dT_{12-18}) as an exogenous template primer, four different deoxyribonucleotide triphosphates, 20 mM KCl with Mg^{++} as divalent cation and 5μCi [^{3}H]-labeled thymidine triphosphate (TTP) per sample. Five μCi ~~[H]TTP~~ [^{3}H]TTP gave an average total count of 1,200,000 cpm using scintillation fluid mixture (1 part xylene to 9 part Research Products International biodegradable counting scintillant) on a Beckman LS250 scintillation counter (Beckman Instruments, Inc., Palo Alto, CA). As a result, RT values for samples tested will be below 1,200,000 cpm/ml.